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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MATERNAL INFANT OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEN: Friday, January 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Marriott Hartford Downtown (next to the CT Convention Center)

The Maternal Infant Outreach Program (MIOP) invites the community to celebrate 20 years of reducing infant mortality rates in the City of Hartford.

MIOP is a successful collaboration between the City of Hartford Health and Human Services Department, the Hartford Action Plan on Infant Health, Hartford Hospital and St. Francis Hospital. The financial contributions from both hospitals have provided a continuous lifeline to this important effort.

This program has helped save the lives of about 10,000 Hartford children. Each year, MIOP workers provide intensive case management services to the mothers of over 25% of all newborns in the Capital City.

Mayor Eddie Perez says, "The passion and commitment of the staff--- mostly members of the community--- is extraordinary. Providing information about the tragic consequences of drugs, smoking, improper diet, and lead based paint is crucial to parents. This program has worked wonders for families. Saving lives is a reason to celebrate."

The event starts at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m. There will be dancing afterward. **For more information, call Maria Ortiz at (860) 543-8834.**